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Statement from Representative Dwight M. Bullard:

"As a member of the Florida Legislature and resident of the state of Florida, I am outraged and embarrassed that any of our residents would advocate the practice of burning copies of the Qur'an in a manner of disrespect and intolerance.

I took an oath to uphold the constitution of the State of Florida and the United States of America. And while I believe strongly in citizens rights to protest, I believe we have an even greater moral obligation to protect the freedom of religion on which this country is founded.

I encourage my colleagues in the Florida House of Representatives to admonish this utterly disrespectful protest and to do what you can to see that September 11 continues as a day of remembrance and not an occasion for outbursts of hatred."

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